

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 24th April 2019, in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Kenneth McLaren (KMcl) (Acting Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT).</p> <p>In Attendance: Rod Ekern (RE), Councillor Alec Clark (ACk) (SAC), Graham Dunn (GD) PSP Manager, and 12 Members of the public.</p> <p>Speaker: Katie Nairn (KN) (Public Social Partnership)</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Robert Houstin (RH), PC Graeme Gordon (GG) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team).	
2	Police	
	<i>In the absence of the Police, this item was moved down the agenda.</i>	
3	Speaker: Katie Nairn, Independent Consultant for the Public Social Partnership Consultation on route of 359 Bus Service	
	<p>KMcL introduced Katie Nairn and welcomed her to the meeting. She informed that the Dumfries & Galloway Community Transport Public Social Partnership had appointed her as consultant to engage with the local community, to determine its transport needs in relation to the route of the 359 bus route, the contract for which becomes due for renewal in August 2020. Her remit is to gather the views of bus users and feed this back, with the aim of providing a bus service that better meets the needs of the public. KN will report back on her findings prior to holding a public meeting. She then asked for the views of those present, who included some Glentroll residents.</p> <p>A general discussion took place, with a number of those present giving their views. A common complaint was that the timing of the buses could be improved, with better co-ordination to ensure the bus times complement the train times. There is no early morning bus from Barrhill to Newton Stewart for those employed there, nor an evening bus from Newton Stewart, the latest only going as far as Glentroll, arriving there at 5.45pm.</p> <p>The size of the buses used was raised, with all feeling it would be more economical to use smaller buses. The meeting was informed that downsizing the bus did not have a great effect on costs but it was recognised that the large ones sometimes used on the route are too large for the narrow carriageway of the A714.</p> <p>The effects of such vehicles on the Biosphere were raised, as was the matter of flexible fares. The Stagecoach representative, Graham Dunn, who had joined the meeting, confirmed that SPT was not involved in this consultation but would receive its results.</p> <p>AS enquired if thought had been given to creating a transport hub in Barrhill, with the trains a focal point. It was appreciated by all that the school bus times would have to be maintained.</p> <p>GD informed that after consultation, and alteration to the bus times, the bus service at Borgue had become a Community Transport organisation and passenger numbers had doubled.</p> <p>KN stressed that it was not the intention to close the service but to ask how it could be improved or changed. She informed that this was early days and requested that as many people as possible fill out the consultation forms (also available online). These will be displayed in the Surgery and the village shop, with the owners' agreement - CS to distribute.</p> <p><i>KMcL thanked KN and GD for their input and they then left the meeting.</i></p>	ALL CS
2	Police	
	<p><i>PC Graeme Gordon had emailed the Police Report, as he was unable to attend.</i></p> <p>CS read out the report: In the past month 8 incidents had been raised (no crime reports raised at this time). These are as follows: 5 incidents of Planned Shoots; 1 Missing person report (the person was found a short time later); 1 Assist a member of the public was raised; and 1 Assault incident—as yet there is no crime report.</p> <p>A member of the public raised the matter of speeding vans, possibly Forestry vehicles, but it is known different companies use the road, including windfarm and delivery vehicles. This was</p>	

	confirmed by others. CS to inform GG and she will also contact the Forestry Commission. 20mph Scheme Proposals: A member of the public then enquired what progress had been made on the implementation of the 20mph speed restrictions in the village. It was not thought that traffic lights had been approved. ACk will clarify and report back.	CS ACK
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting of 27th March, 2019	
	These were approved: proposed by AC, seconded by JT.	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	Item 5: Matters Arising: Damaged Sign on Knowe Road: ARA had searched for this, without success. JT, who knows the location, will investigate. Potholes on A714: Those at Artnoch are still to be infilled—they have been reported. Martyrs' Tomb Path: After being contacted by ACk, Rachel Shipley (RS), SAC's Access Officer, had finally contacted CS. It transpired that Community Payback had looked at what was involved but were unable to do the work. RS offered to bring a contractor to view the path to determine what work is needed to clear it. This was done and the landowner will now discuss with the contractor how this will be carried out. Ongoing Fly Tipping near Loch Nahinnie: RH had informed that while the layby had been cleared of the rubbish previously reported, another pile had been deposited further up the road. ACk will report this. Chirmorie Windfarm: Stuart Forsyth emailed thanks for being invited to address the CC. He assured that he has taken on board comments made regarding signage and routes for vehicle drivers. He will return when more information is available. Noted Item 12: AOB: ARA's Kevin Braidwood had informed that the closing date for the tender for the work on the bridge in the centre of Main Street , and the accident damaged stonework at the Duisk Bridge parapet , is next week with the work to be carried out ASAP. Noted <i>Other matters on the agenda.</i>	JT CS ACK
6	Treasurer's Report	
	AC gave his report and informed that the CC's bank balance is now £720, following the reimbursement by SAC of the Insurance renewal cheque. The balance of the CF grant money is currently £4,300. CS informed that the question of the CC registering for ICO is no longer relevant as it transpired that CCs are exempt from this. ACk informed that the rules regarding CCs are currently being updated and that a draft will be sent out in the near future.	
7	Updates	
	a) BCIC: JT reported on the latest meeting: Charity Status: This has now been granted and the Barrhill Development Trust formed. It now has to be decided exactly what assets of the BCIC to transfer to this charity. Trout Inn: The first stage of the application for funding for this project, for the community to purchase and manage the pub, has been successful. The second stage is now proceeding. Carrick Futures Funding: The BCIC's application to CF had been part-funded. The continued employment of the Development Officer had been successful, with part funding for this approved. Funding for the Public Toilets' cleaner, however, was not approved, but that for the Hall Caretaker was. (See below) AC informed that in future, only applications with part-funding from elsewhere would be approved for this item, as funding had been given previously. CF directors relatively new to the CF Board, were oblivious to the fact that Barrhill does not receive any direct funding whatsoever from the Arecleoch Windfarm. Coffee Mornings: Regular coffee mornings have now commenced in the Memorial Hall, between 10am and 12noon on Fridays. <i>At this point, a member of the public enquired about housing for Senior Citizens, which he had heard was planned for Barrhill. ACk informed that this was at a very early stage, with nothing definite to report yet.</i> b) Carrick Futures: AC reported on the last meeting, which was a funding round. A number of applications had been approved, including the £19,660 for the BCIC. This consisted of £10,000 part-funding of the £17,000 total for the Development Officer post and the full costs of £9,660 for the Hall Caretaker. The Toilet cleaner application for £3000 was turned down on the basis that BCIC had paid it historically and could see no reason to change.	

	<p>Other groups etc to received grants included Ballantrae Development Trust for a projector; Boyle Court for various items; Girvan Lowland Gathering; Girvan Youth Trust for a Development Officer; and the group developing Stumpy Corner in Girvan.</p> <p>c) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership Locality Planning: CS could not attend the meeting on 10th April and no minutes had yet been received. ACk had attended and reported that considerable time was spent on the matter of the H & SCP's overspend and the forthcoming review. CS informed that the agenda included an address by Marjorie Ross, Engagement Officer, and a discussion on the purpose of the LPG and a review of its Terms of Reference. The usual updates took place and there was an item on 'Biosphere Bikes'. ACk explained that this was a social enterprise proposed by a Pinwherry resident, involving provision of bikes for tourists/residents.</p> <p>d) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company: With AS having resigned as a director and AR no longer a Community Councillor, there was no news regarding this. AC, however, will attend the next meeting on 9th May, to be held in Barrhill.</p>	AC
8	Planning Applications	
	List for w/e 29/3: Mayberry, Knowe Road: application for alterations and extension to dwelling house; w/e 12/4: Proposal of application notice for proposed extension to Markhill Substation, including additional transformer, access track, cable trenches, compound, associated infrastructure and temporary storage areas and working compounds. February Decisions List: nothing pertaining to Barrhill. No March Decisions List had yet been received.	
9	Small Grant Applications	
	Barrhill Flower Show This was a late application, submitted by Linda Wild (LW) as the group is not yet constituted, although this is currently underway and a bank account will be opened shortly. It is intended to hold the Barrhill Flower Show on 7 th September and funding was sought for costs involved. After discussion, with some queries put forward, it was eventually agreed unanimously that the application for £500 be approved in full. Proof of money spent will need to be provided where possible. CS to inform LW accordingly.	CS
10	Correspondence	
	<p>SAC: Eventbrite Pan Ayrshire Community Councils Conference on Saturday 11th May in Saltcoats. Any CC member who wishes to attend can register.</p> <p>Clyde Regional Marine Plan: Consultation in progress- responses by 27th May.</p> <p>RSK (for SPEN): Proposal of Application Notice – Extension to Markhill Substation: A Public Information Day will be held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 1st May.</p> <p>G & SCHSCP: Locality Planning Groups: Joint Annual Review takes place on Thursday 23rd May in Ayr, between 1-4.30pm. Anyone can attend this.</p> <p>Tilhill Forestry: Corwar Farm: Woodland creation proposal: (Previously circulated) Comments now due. It was agreed that there were no comments on this proposal.</p> <p>SAC Rural Forum: The next meeting takes place in Annbank on 20th May at 7pm. Noted</p> <p>Scottish Power Renewables (SPR): Arecleoch Extension: Information received re-this proposed extension. Copies available if requested of some documentation. CS has ordered some for those CC members who replied.</p> <p>SPR Kilgallioch Extension Scoping Report: Comments required by 8th May. E-letter received informing that the PID will only be held in Kirkcowan and enquiring if this would be an issue with the CC, Agreed that it isn't, as all the turbines will be outwith South Ayrshire. CS will inform Gillian Arnot.</p> <p>SP Energy Networks: Consultation on Preferred Route for Stranoch & Chirmorie Windfarms Grid Connections: Public Information Day to be held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 1st May between 2-6.30pm. Comments to be submitted by 28th June.</p> <p>HAGS: Playpark Equipment brochure.</p> <p><i>Other items emailed out.</i></p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p>
11	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	Whithorn Way: CS informed that Julia Muir Watt of the Whithorn Trust had held a meeting at New Luce regarding this long distance footpath, as the Trust had received funding from Kilgallioch for developing an App, interpretation and signage. She is keen to discuss with communities on the route to determine what is wanted by them and also what a community can contribute i.e. information about Barrhill/local businesses/land ownership along the route etc, and pointing out where signage should go. Information will hopefully be received from this	

<p>meeting or Julia could be invited to address the CC on the subject. Noted</p> <p>Cattle Grid at Barjarg: Kevin Braidwood had informed that ARA are thinking of removing the cattle grid at Barjarg as it is in a state of disrepair and would cost between £10K and £12K to replace. He invited comments from the CC. A few members had knowledge of this grid and had no objections to its removal. CS had been informed that one local resident wasn't too happy and wished a grid to remain. CS to inform KB of this and also of the CC's opinion.</p> <p>Proposed Clauchrie Windfarm: There is to be a Public Information Day on Monday 20th May. Details to be advertised by SPR.</p> <p>Feoch Meadows: AC informed that while the way marker signs had been positioned on the newly created walk to Feoch Meadows, there were no signs informing the public that there actually is a walk there. He will make enquiries to remedy this situation.</p> <p>Litter: AS raised the matter of litter on the B7027 Knowe Road, which has worsened again. A member of the public also informed of a similar situation at the Mark Hill entrance and the road up to the windfarm. AS referred to the signs the CC was promised some considerable time ago, which had not materialised. ACk will look into this—CS will search through old emails regarding this and forward information to ACk.</p> <p>Ditches on B7027: A member of the public informed that when a drainage channel had been cut on the Knowe Road, the soil excavated had been piled into ditches, which would block drainage. ACk will refer this to ARA.</p> <p>Public Toilets: RE reported that the public toilets are in a poor state of repair – noted that the BCIC is responsible for these. Will be referred to them.</p> <p>Skip Provision: RE also raised the matter of the skip being full within hours of arriving in the village, resulting in those who are out at work all day being too unable to use it. He queried if the skip's arrival could be delayed until evening. A general discussion followed on the use of the skip and it was noted that extra provision had been requested in the past, to no avail. ACk will look into the matter to see what the current situation is.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.05pm</i></p>	<p>CS</p> <p>AC</p> <p>ACK/ CS</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>WE</p> <p>ACK</p>
<p>Date & Time of next meetings:</p>	
<p><u>Wednesday 29th May (plus AGM), 2019 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.</u> <u>26th June, 28th August, 30th October, and 27th November.</u> <u>NB: There are no meetings in July, September and December.</u></p>	